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Drug Analysis Laboratory Monthly Status Report

March, 2008

Amherst and Jamaica Plain (combined)

Cases* submitted to the laboratories this month.....2270
Number of items* contained in these cases.....3738

Cases analyzed by the laboratories this month.....1833
Number of items analyzed this month.....2969

Laboratories' backlog (Items).....7956

Average time per analysis (turnaround time).....72 days

Number of preliminary/priority analyses performed.....150

Analysis Backlog

Unanalyzed items in the laboratory on the last day of the month

1-15 days old	2088	24%
16-30 days old	1436	16%
31-50 days old	1513	17%
Greater than 50 days	3698	42%
TOTAL	8735	100%

* A CASE refers to all the evidence gathered from an incident or arrest that is related to one or more defendants. Each case may contain one or more ITEMS of different appearance and/or composition, e.g. marijuana, cocaine, heroin.

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Analysis Profile

Time in the laboratory for items analyzed this month

1-15 days	114	4%
16-30 days	736	25%
31-50 days	114	4%
Greater than 50 days	2005	68%
TOTAL	2969	100%

Totals for Drugs of Interest

Drug Type	Number of Items
Marijuana	1243
Cocaine	715
Heroin	236
Others	775
Total	2969

Trafficking Items Analyzed

Drug Type	Number of Items
Heroin	8
Cocaine	40
Marijuana	0
TOTAL	48

Calendar Year (2008) Totals through the End of the Month

Items Submitted	10617
Items Analyzed	9335